

almost made me gulp on the last bill that's been going for about 10 years of controversy, and it went 25-0, and it went with little controversy. I am pulling it because in the spirit of the consent calendar this would, in my judgment, have considerable at least discussion, or should, not because of the concept, necessarily, I think the body is very much in tune to doing such. But it does have a minor detail of about an 800,000 A bill. And sitting on the Appropriations Committee, I can't, in good conscience, say that this is something that is noncontroversial in regard to spending. This is something that we do need to discuss at some point in the future. It is something that the Legislature needs to continue to do again, as we did two years ago, but it needs to be something that's done in the biennium budget, built into the budget with the full Legislature's discussion and knowledge of what they're spending and what they're spending it for. So, at this point, on behalf of myself and Senator Johnson, who is not here today, who's also been a strong cosponsor of the bill and at times sponsor of the bill, I respectfully ask it be withdrawn from the consent calendar at this time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. The bill is removed from consent calendar. As previously announced, we're pass...or LB 174 and LB 746 have been removed from consent calendar. We'll go to LB 169.

CLERK: Mr. President, 169 was a bill introduced by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Smith, and Crosby. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11 of last year, at that time it was referred to Health and Human Services for public hearing. I do have committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee, Mr. President.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Wesely, are you going to handle the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. LB 169 is a piece of legislation introduced by Senator Bernard-Stevens, principally, also Senator Smith and Senator Crosby. It's a very good piece of legislation that deals with the question of insurance for foster parents. And as I think most of you know, we've had difficulty in retaining parents in the foster care program. Because of the costs for insurance there is a...the proposal is to provide for liability insurance for foster parents, with a \$50 deductible was how the bill was